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Please amend above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add the following new claims:

--55. (New) In a computer environment including a plurality of applications that operate on data related to an identity, the computer environment also including a service that maintains data associated with the identity, a method for one of the plurality of applications to operate on data related to the identity, the method comprising the following:

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an act of identifying a data structure that represents data that is to be operated on, the data being associated with the identity, the data structure being recognized by the service and by at least one of the plurality of applications;

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